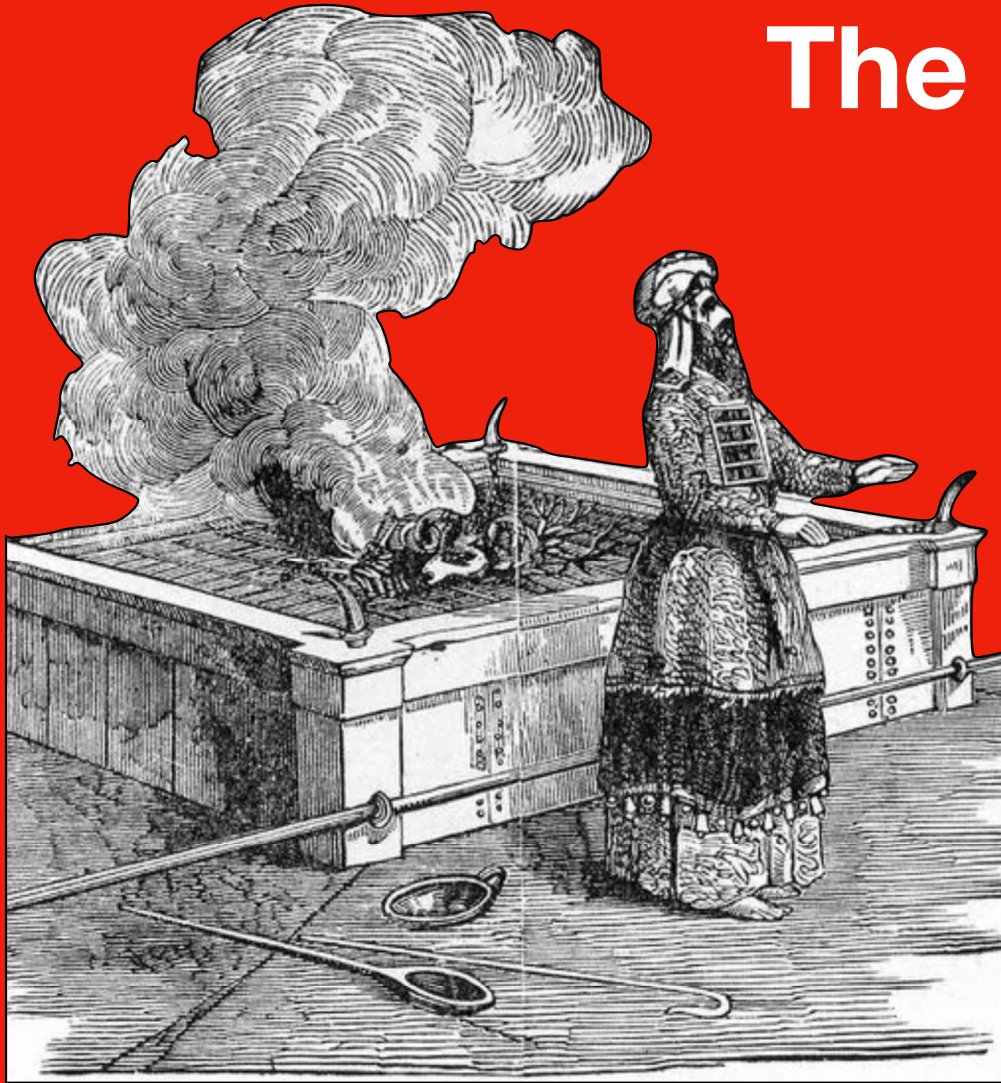




“Follow after me”

Series: What the Judges tell us about
the Time of the End

The sacrifice of Jesus



The Burnt offering (Eglon)

- Leviticus 1:3-4

The Meal offering (the present)

“Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for **to make in himself of twain one new man**, *so* making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.” (Ephesians 2:15-16)

“he could not draw the dagger out of his belly”

“And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that **he could not draw the dagger out of his belly**; and the dirt came out.” (Judges 3:22)

- The work of Christ cannot be undone - he has defeated flesh once and for all
- 1 Corinthians 15:54 - “death is swallowed up in victory”

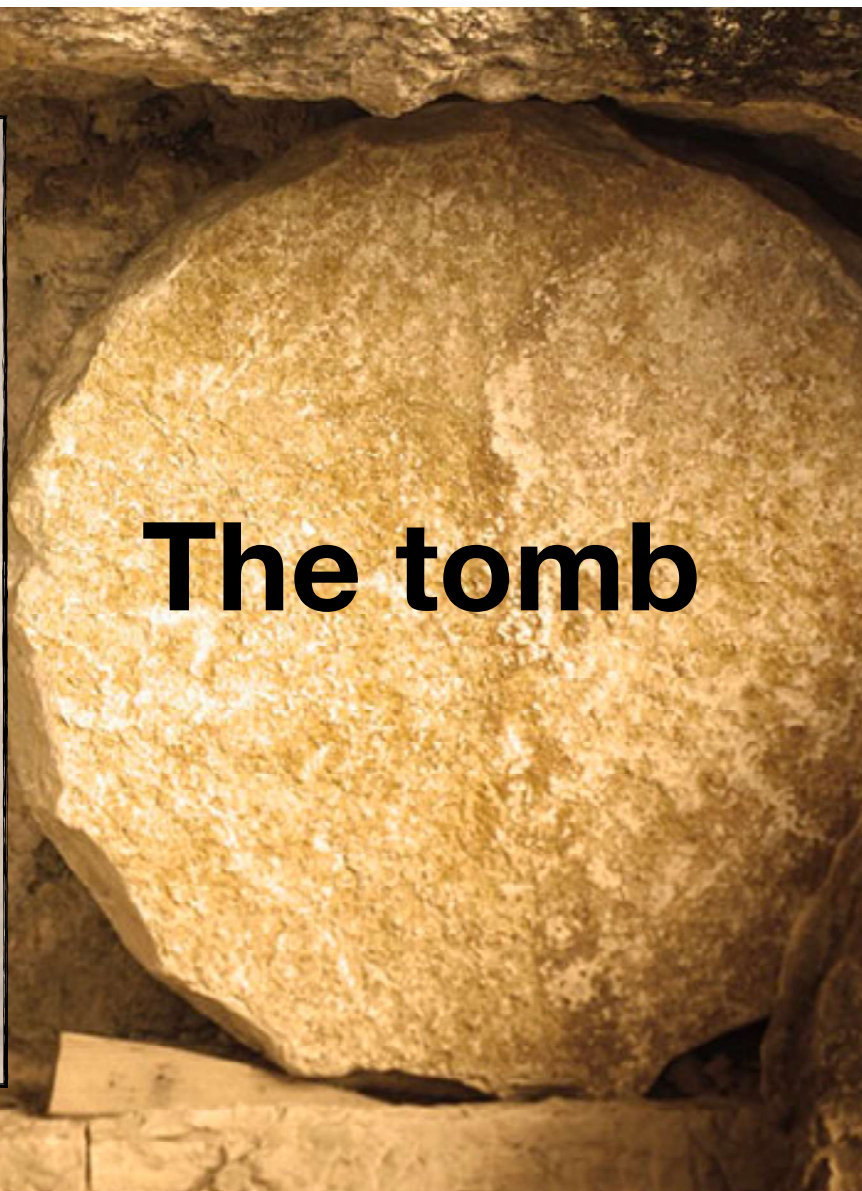
“By the which will we are sanctified through **the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all***.” (Hebrews 10:10)



“Then **Ehud went forth through the porch**, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them... And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and, behold, **their lord was fallen down dead on the earth**. (Judges 3:23-25)

- **The resurrected Lord Jesus Christ**
- **Flesh (sin) defeated and left in the grave**

The tomb



“Fallen down dead”

“behold, their lord *was* **fallen down dead on the earth.**” (Judges 3:25)

“And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and **he fell upon his face to the earth.**” (1 Samuel 17:49)



“shall he appear the second time”

“So **Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many**; and unto them that look for him shall he **appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**” (Hebrews 9:30)

1. Ehud kills Eglon (Judges 3:22)

- “**God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh**, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:” (Romans 8:3)
- “**Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour**, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” (Acts 5:31)

2. Ehud goes out to defeat sin (Judges 3:27-30)

- 1 Corinthians 15:42-49 - the resurrected body - **sown natural, raised spiritual**
- “And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations” (Revelation 19:15)

The mountains of Israel

“For there shall be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.” (Jeremiah 31:6)

Mount Ephraim, or alternately Mount of Ephraim, was the historical name for the **central mountainous district of Israel** once occupied by the Tribe of Ephraim (Joshua 17:15; 19:50; 20:7), extending from Bethel to the plain of Jezreel.” (Wikipedia)

“After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel*, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.” (Ezekiel 38:8)



Standing on the Mountains of Israel

The future movements of Russia are notable signs of the times, because they are predicted in the Scriptures of truth. **The Russian Autocracy in its plenitude, and on the verge of its dissolution, is the Image of Nebuchadnezzar standing upon the Mountains of Israel, ready to be smitten by the Stone.** When Russia makes its grand move for the building-up of its Image-empire, then let the reader know that the end of all things, as at present constituted, is at hand.

Bro John Thomas, Elpis Israel, Preface, page 20, 1850

Netanyahu's hard-line new government takes office in Israel

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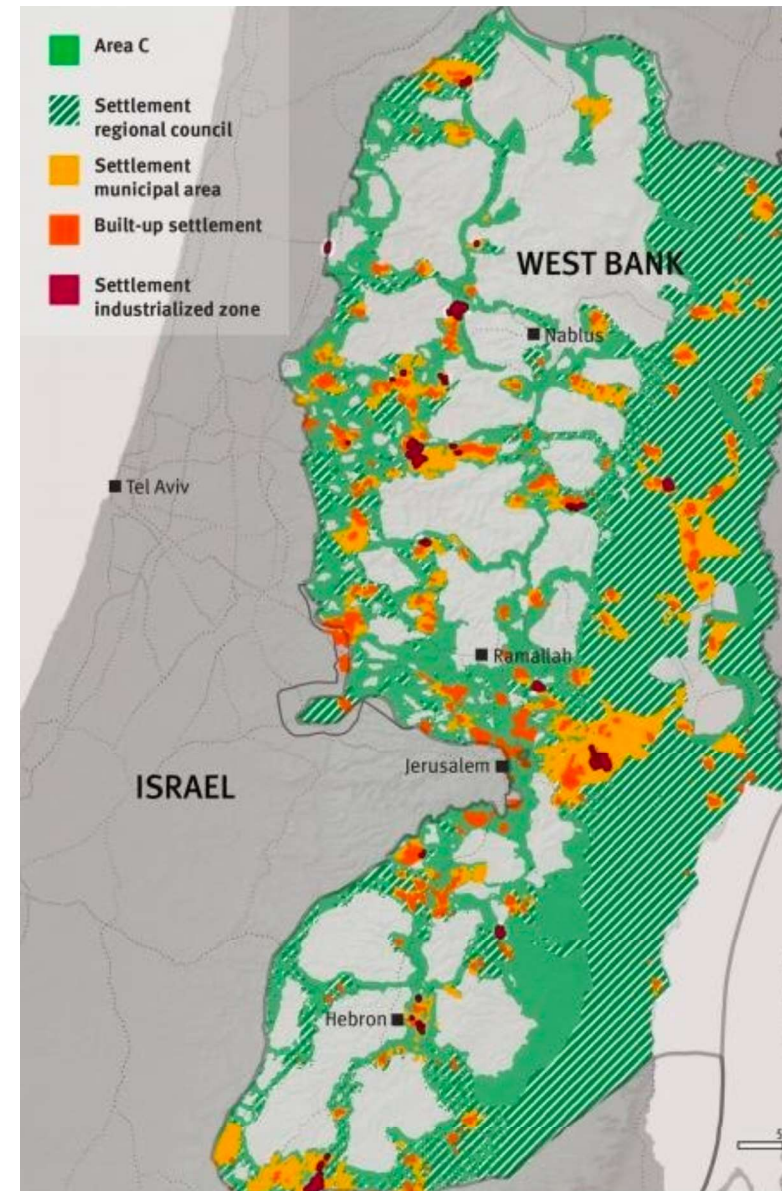


| Benjamin Netanyahu said his administration would "restore governance, peace and personal security"

“Netanyahu's hard-line new government takes office in Israel”

“The first guiding principle of the new government, published on Wednesday, declares that “the Jewish people have an exclusive and unquestionable right to all areas of the land of Israel”. It says that **includes the occupied West Bank and promises to “advance and develop” settlements there.**

In a coalition deal with the ultranationalist Religious Zionism party he signed last week, Mr Netanyahu agreed to retroactively **legalise the outposts. He also promised to annex the West Bank while “choosing the timing and weighing all of the State of Israel's national and international interests”.** Such a step would be opposed by Israel's Western and Arab allies.



The goodly horse in battle

“And it came to pass, **when he was come, that he blew a trumpet** in the mountain of Ephraim, and **the children of Israel went down with him** from the mount, and he before them. And he said unto them, **Follow after me:**” (Judges 3:27-28)

“...they shall see the **Son of man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with **a great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall **gather together his elect** from the four winds, **from one end of heaven to the other.**” (Matthew 24:30-31)

“And the armies *which were* **in heaven followed him** upon **white horses**” (Revelation 19:14)



Experts in War

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;” (Psalm 149:6)

“Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, **to teach them war**, at the least such as before knew nothing there” (Judges 3:1-2)

“ They all hold swords, being **expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh** because of fear in the night.” (Song of Solomon 3:8)



“Shut the doors”

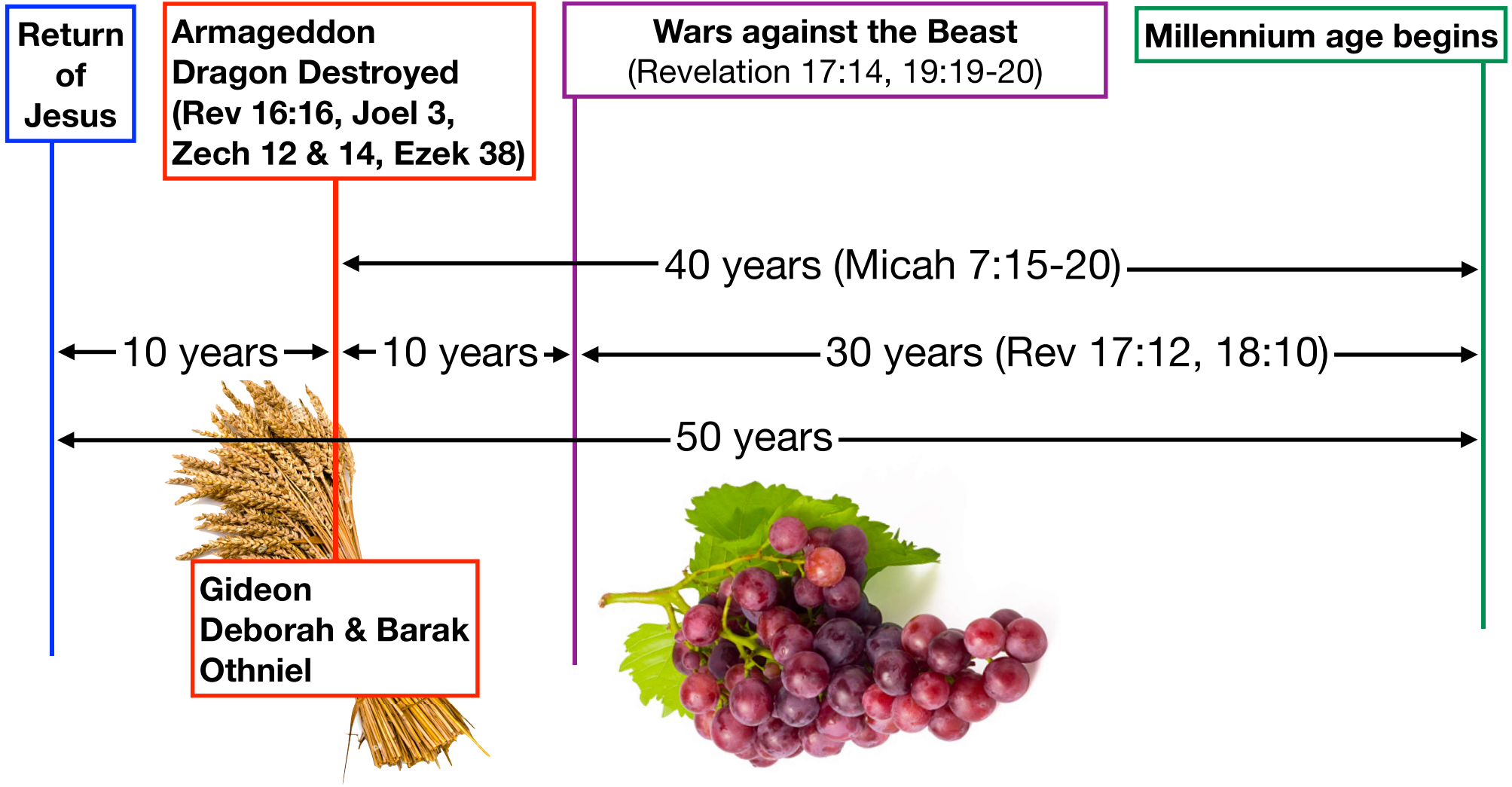
“Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and **shut the doors** of the parlour upon him, and locked them.” (Judges 3:23)

“And he laid hold on the dragon, **that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and **shut him up**, and set a seal upon him” (Revelation 20:2-3)


Pass over the Jordan

“And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and **suffered not a man to pass over.**”

“And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I **will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me:** I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, **and they shall not enter into the land of Israel:** and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.” (Ezekiel 20:37-38)



80 years

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- A double blessing - Ephraim = double ($40 \times 2 = 80$)
 - “Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* **I will render double unto thee**” (Zechariah 9:12)
 - The Jews are the firstborn son - they will receive a double blessing (Deuteronomy 21:17)

Moab subdued under Israel

“So **Moab** was **subdued** that day **under** the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.” (Judges 3:30)

- **Hebrews 2:8-15** - all put under Jesus - the captain of our salvation

“Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down **all rule** and **all authority and power**. For he must reign, till he hath put **all enemies under [hupo]** his feet. The last **enemy** *that* shall be destroyed *is* **death**. For **he hath put [hupotassō] all things under** his feet. But when he saith **all things are put under him**, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put **all things under** him. And when **all things shall be subdued** unto him, then shall the Son also himself be **subject** unto him that put **all things under** him, that **God may be all in all**.” (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)



“Follow after me”

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- Monday - War a good warfare
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- Wednesday - Shine as lights
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